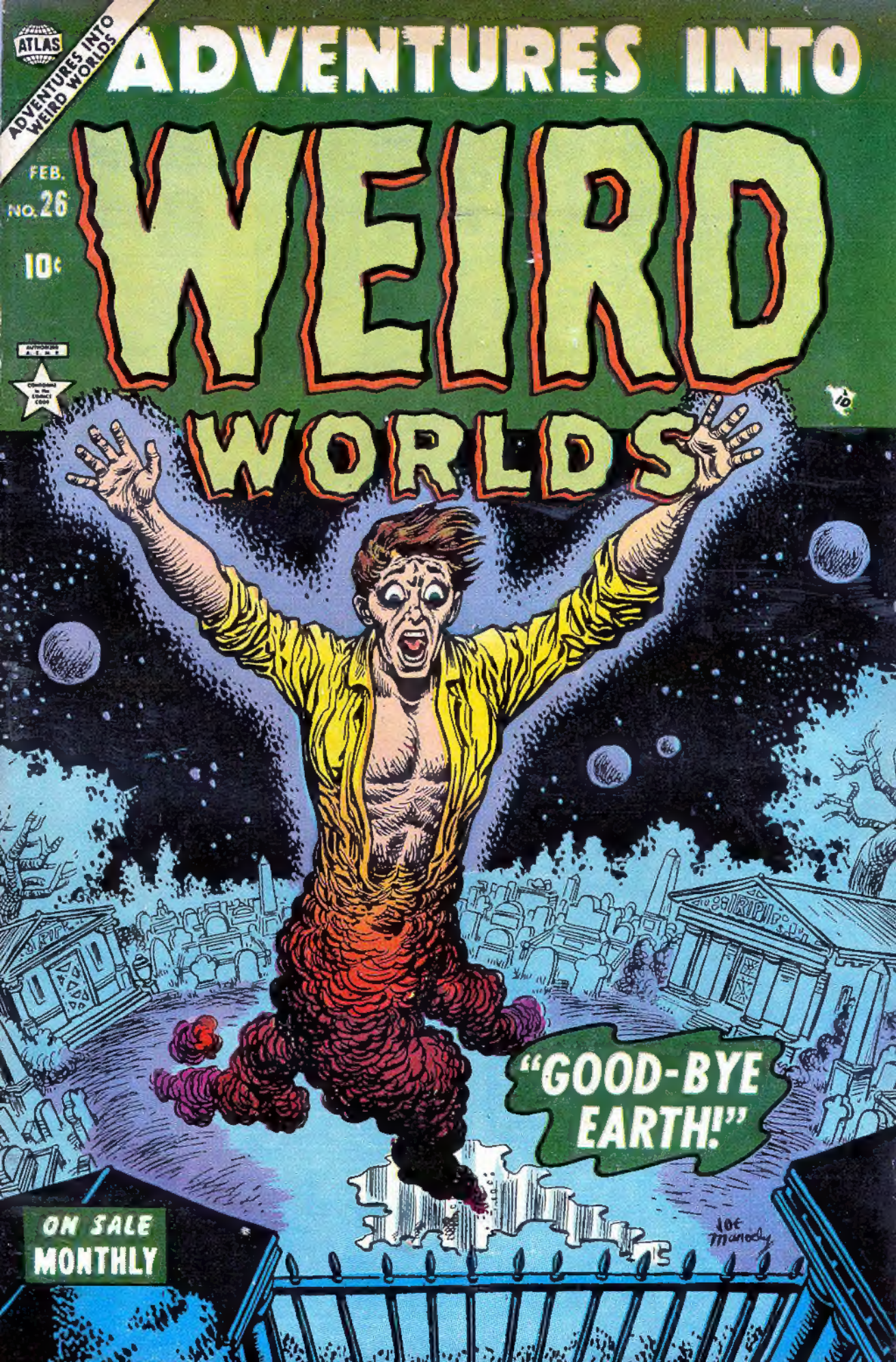
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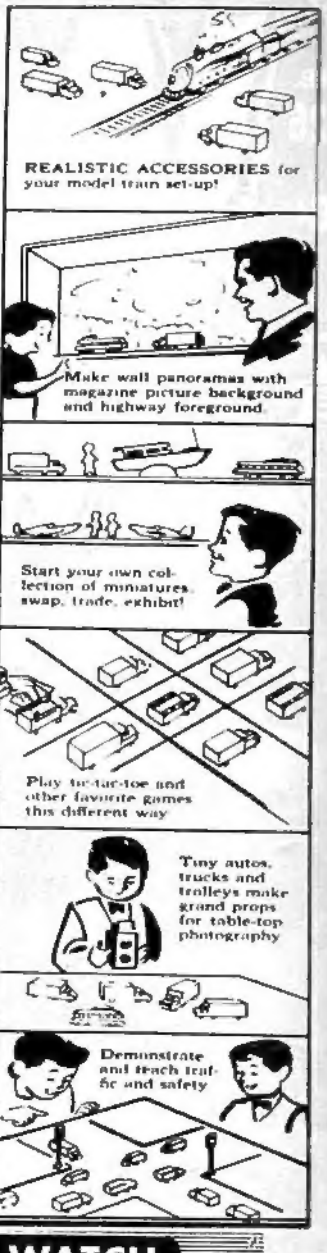
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TURN THE LIGHTS DOWN LOW, KIDDIES, AND GET IN THE MOOD FOR ANOTHER JOURNEY INTO *WEIRD WORLDS!* OUR LEAD TALE IS ONE OF THE STRANGEST *WE'VE* EVER READ... AND WE BELIEVE *YOU'LL* RATE IT ONE OF THE *GREATEST YOU'VE* EVER CAST YOUR PEEPERS ON!

GOOD-BYE EARTH

NO! YOU CAN'T TAKE ME AWAY YET! I DON'T WANT TO GO! EARTH'S THE ONLY PLACE I KNOW... DON'T MAKE ME LEAVE!
TERRIFYING MYSTERY FROM A WEIRD WORLD!
I'm writing this to take place because I don't be tomorrow. Where am I going? I don't know. I don't know or where I was before my life on earth! Tomorrow... after I'll know all that. My memory of life will be erased still an earthman and so I'm leave a warning behind me

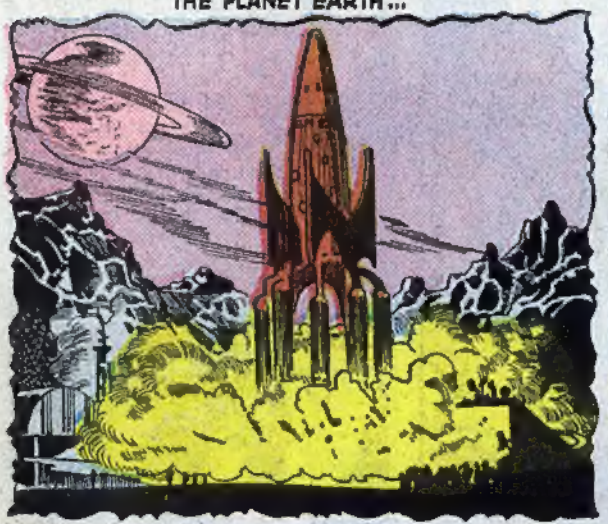
MY NAME IS HARRY BURNS! I'VE GOT A WIFE AND TWO ADOPTED KIDS AND I'M NOT INSANE! THIS ALL REALLY DID HAPPEN TWO DAYS AGO, WHEN I CAME HOME FROM THE OFFICE...
THAT'S FUNNY! THERE'S A LIGHT ON IN THE GARAGE! WHO COULD BE THERE AT THIS TIME OF THE NIGHT?

WHO ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON MY PROPERTY?
QUIET! DON'T MAKE A SOUND! THIS PARALYZER-RAY CAN PROVIDE A VERY UNCOMFORTABLE SENSATION UNLESS YOU DO EXACTLY AS I SAY!
PAUL REINMAN

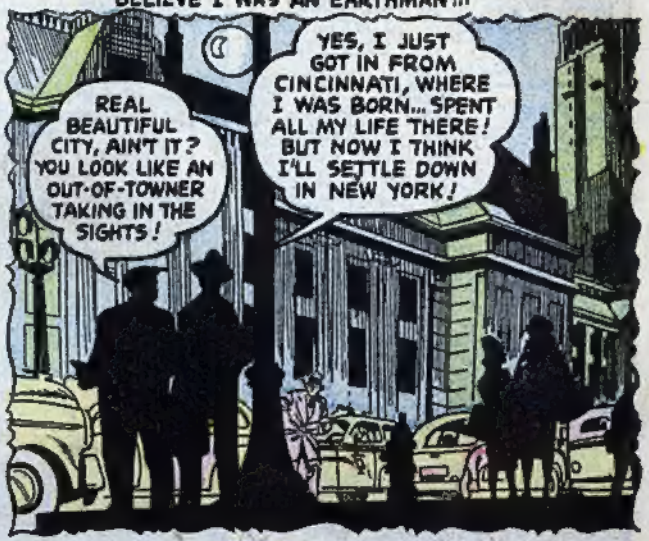
HIS VOICE WAS STRANGE AND YET ODDLY ENOUGH IT HAD A FAMILIAR SOUND TO IT... AS IF I HAD HEARD IT IN A DREAM A LONG TIME AGO...
GO INTO THE GARAGE WHERE WE WON'T BE DISTURBED! I HAVE IMPORTANT NEWS FOR YOU, HARRY BURNS... MOVE QUICKLY!
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME? WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?
I'M SORRY TO BE SO ABRUPT ABOUT THIS, BURNS, BUT YOU WILL SOON FIND OUT WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT!
YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS... YOU JUST DON'T GO AROUND THREATENING PEOPLE WITH FANTASTIC-LOOKING GUNS! THE POLICE WILL...
WHY ARE YOU LOCKING US IN? WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO WITH ME?
DON'T BE AFRAID! I WON'T HARM YOU IF YOU CO-OPERATE! BEFORE WE LEAVE HERE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!
AS I SAID BEFORE, I'M JUST AN ORDINARY GUY WITH A GOOD JOB AS AN INTERPRETER FOR THE UNITED NATIONS... I'VE GOT A SMALL HOME AND A HAPPY FAMILY! NO MATTER HOW I TRIED, I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT THIS STRANGER WANTED...
WHY ARE YOU STARING AT ME LIKE THAT? YOUR EYES... THEY SEEM TO BE BURNING INTO ME!
THERE ARE MANY THINGS YOU WILL SOON KNOW AND REMEMBER... THINGS YOU ARE COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF!
FIRST YOU MUST SEE ME AS I REALLY AM... SO I WILL REMOVE THIS RUBBER MASK THAT COVERS MY TRUE APPEARANCE...
HE REMOVED THE MASK, AND FOR A MOMENT I WAS PARALYZED WITH HORROR... ALL I COULD DO WAS STARE AT THE SICKENING, REVOLTING SIGHT IN FRONT OF MY EYES! IT WAS A MOMENT OF INDESCRIBABLE TERROR THAT SEARED DEEP INTO MY MIND...
NOW YOU SEE ME AS I REALLY AM, HARRY BURNS! LOOK AT ME CLOSELY! NO, YOU WOULDN'T REMEMBER ME... NOT YET...
THE SHOCK WAS JUST TOO MUCH FOR ME TO BEAR! WHEN I SAW THAT UGLY MASS OF GREEN PROTOPLASM QUIVERING IN FRONT OF ME... SOMETHING SNAPPED INSIDE, AND I PASSED OUT! IT WAS ALL I REMEMBERED FOR A WHILE...

I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I WAS UNCONSCIOUS, BUT WHEN I CAME TO, I WAS LYING ON MY BACK! I TRIED TO GET UP. BUT MY ARMS AND LEGS REFUSED TO OBEY... AND THEN I KNEW I WAS COMPLETELY PARALYZED...
I CAN'T BUDGE! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO ME?
IT WAS NECESSARY, HARRY BURNS... AND NOW YOU WILL STAY AS YOU ARE UNTIL I'VE EXPLAINED WHY I'M HERE!
MY NAME IS RAJAC, BUT THAT WILL MEAN NOTHING TO YOU FOR A WHILE! I HAVE COME A LONG WAY FOR YOU... FROM SIRIUS... A STAR THAT IS MANY LIGHT-YEARS FROM THIS EARTH!
FOR ME? I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE WITH ME?
I HAVE COME TO TAKE YOU BACK WITH ME TO SIRIUS! IT IS A LONG AND PAINFUL JOURNEY, AND I MUST PREPARE YOU FOR IT...
TAKE ME BACK WITH YOU? BUT... WHY? I'M A SIMPLE MAN... I JUST WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE!
YOUR MISSION ON THIS EARTH IS DONE! YOU HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION THAT IS NEEDED BY OUR PLANET FOR THE CONQUEST OF EARTH! NOW YOU MUST GO BACK WITH ME SO THAT OUR PEOPLE CAN UTILIZE THAT INFORMATION...
YOU SEE, HARRY BURNS, YOU ARE NOT REALLY HARRY BURNS AT ALL... YOU ARE NOT EVEN AN EARTHMAN! YOU ARE ONE OF US, SENT HERE AS A SPY!
HE TOLD ME ABOUT THE PLANET SIRIUS, FAR OFF AMONG THE GALAXIES BEYOND THE RIDGE OF HIDDEN STARS! HE DESCRIBED ITS CITIES AND ITS PEOPLES... AND HE TOLD ME THAT I WAS ONE OF THEM, AND NOT AN EARTHMAN...
HE EXPLAINED HOW, IN ADDITION TO THE FALSE BODY, THEY HAD PROVIDED ME WITH A COMPLETE SET OF FALSE MEMORIES ABOUT MY LIFE ON EARTH... SO THAT I WOULD NOT BE DISCOVERED AS AN ALIEN SPY... AND THEY HAD BLOTTED OUT MY OTHER KNOWLEDGE...

THEN, HE TOLD ME, WHEN ALL WAS IN READINESS, THEY PUT ME IN A SPACE SHIP AND BLASTED OFF FOR THE ONLY OTHER PLANET IN THE UNIVERSE THAT WAS CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING OUR KIND OF LIFE FORM... THE PLANET EARTH...



THE SHIP LEFT ME IN NEW YORK WITHOUT A MEMORY OF WHO I REALLY WAS, AND IN PLACE OF THAT WAS A FALSE HISTORY IMPLANTED IN MY BRAIN, SO THAT I WOULD BELIEVE I WAS AN EARTHMAN...


REAL BEAUTIFUL CITY, AIN'T IT? YOU LOOK LIKE AN OUT-OF-TOWNER TAKING IN THE SIGHTS!
YES, I JUST GOT IN FROM CINCINNATI, WHERE I WAS BORN... SPENT ALL MY LIFE THERE! BUT NOW I THINK I'LL SETTLE DOWN IN NEW YORK!

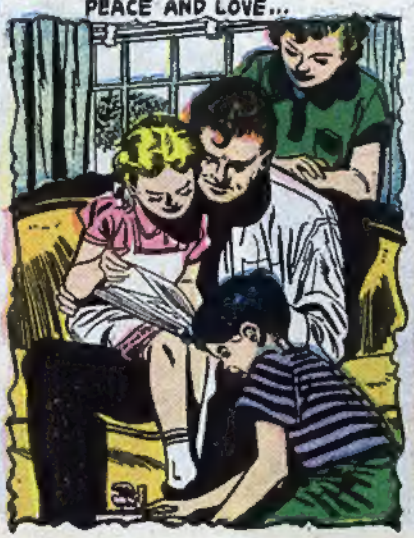
I REMEMBERED THAT FIRST DAY IN NEW YORK! BUT THE POINT IS, I REALLY THOUGHT I HAD COME FROM CINCINNATI, WHEN ACTUALLY THAT WAS MY FIRST DAY ON EARTH! FROM THEN ON I DEVELOPED A LIFE OF MY OWN AS PLANNED, AND THE NATURAL STEP WAS TO FIND A JOB...

YOU SEEM TO HAVE A FINE EDUCATION, MR. BURNS! I HAVE A GOOD POSITION IN MIND, BUT IT REQUIRES THE KNOWLEDGE OF AT LEAST THREE FOREIGN LANGUAGES...
WELL, I CAN SPEAK ALMOST ANY LANGUAGE IN THE WORLD... THAT'S BEEN MY HOBBY ALL MY LIFE... I'M A LANGUAGE EXPERT!

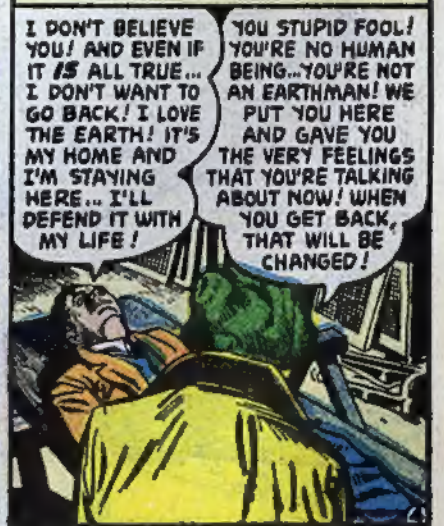
I GOT THE JOB AS A TRANSLATOR AT THE U.N. AND WAS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST! IT WASN'T VERY LONG BEFORE DIPLOMATS BEGAN TO ASK ME TO DO SOME PRIVATE WORK FOR THEM AFTER HOURS...

AND THEN IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE I MET THE RIGHT GIRL... WE WENT TOGETHER FOR A YEAR, AND WERE MARRIED...

A COUPLE OF YEARS LATER, MY WIFE AND I ADOPTED TWO OF THE MOST WONDERFUL CHILDREN IN THE WORLD, AND I'VE BEEN HAPPIER THAN I EVER REMEMBERED! I KNEW WHAT IT WAS TO LIVE IN PEACE AND LOVE...



AND SUDDENLY IN ONE NIGHT ALL MY HOPES AND DREAMS WERE SHATTERED LIKE A CRYSTAL BALL! I HAD NO PAST... MY FUTURE WAS SOMEWHERE FAR OUT IN THE UNIVERSE... FAR FROM THE THINGS I LOVED...


I DON'T BELIEVE YOU! AND EVEN IF IT IS ALL TRUE... I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK! I LOVE THE EARTH! IT'S MY HOME AND I'M STAYING HERE... I'LL DEFEND IT WITH MY LIFE!
YOU STUPID FOOL! YOU'RE NO HUMAN BEING... YOU'RE NOT AN EARTHMAN! WE PUT YOU HERE AND GAVE YOU THE VERY FEELINGS THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT NOW! WHEN YOU GET BACK, THAT WILL BE CHANGED!

I WAS SICK INSIDE, AND FOUND MYSELF TORN BETWEEN BELIEF AND DOUBT! ON THE ONE HAND IT ALL SEEMED ABSURD, AND YET THIS ALIEN CREATURE FROM ANOTHER WORLD WAS HERE...
WHAT'S THAT IN YOUR HAND? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME?
IT'S MERELY A HYPODERMIC CONTAINING A SERUM WHICH WILL PREPARE YOU FOR THE RETURN TRIP! IT WILL TAKE EFFECT SLOWLY, AND YOU WILL FORGET ALL ABOUT YOUR LIFE AS AN EARTHMAN...
NO! NO! DON'T INJECT THAT INTO ME! I DON'T WANT TO FORGET! LET ME KEEP MY MEMORIES OF MY WIFE AND CHILDREN!
I'M SORRY, BURNS... IT'S NECESSARY! IT'S THE ONLY WAY WE CAN TURN YOU BACK TO WHAT YOU REALLY ARE, SO THAT WE CAN OBTAIN THE INFORMATION WE NEED FOR THE CONQUEST!
DON'T BE AFRAID, BURNS... THIS WILL ALSO RELEASE YOU FROM THE PARALYSIS! YOU'LL STAY AS YOU ARE FOR SEVERAL HOURS, AND THEN WHEN THE SERUM TAKES EFFECT, YOU'LL KNOW WHERE TO COME TO MEET THE SPACE SHIP!
NO! I'LL NEVER COME! I'LL KILL MYSELF FIRST!
SLOWLY I FELT THE STRENGTH RETURNING TO MY MUSCLES! I TRIED AS HARD AS I COULD AND WAS ABLE TO RAISE MYSELF ON ONE ARM... BUT THE STRANGER WAS LEAVING...
WAIT! YOU'VE GOT TO LISTEN TO ME... I'LL DO ANYTHING... ONLY LET ME STAY!
THE MATTER IS NO LONGER IN MY HANDS! YOU'LL SOON BE COMING OF YOUR OWN DESIRE!
AND WITH THOSE WORDS HE WAS GONE, WITH ONLY THE WIND BLOWING IN THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR OF THE GARAGE! I WAS WEAK AND DIZZY...I COULD BARELY MOVE...
I'LL PROBABLY WAKE UP AND FIND THIS IS ALL A DREAM!
AND THEN HIS WORDS CAME BACK TO ME... "IT WILL BE HOURS BEFORE YOU LOSE YOUR MEMORIES OF EARTH!" I LEAPED TO MY FEET AND DASHED TOWARD THE HOUSE WHERE MY WIFE AND CHILDREN WERE WAITING FOR ME...
HELEN, WHERE ARE YOU? IT'S ME... HARRY... I'M SICK... PLEASE HELP ME!
I TOOK ONLY HALF A DOZEN STEPS BEFORE MY WEAK LEGS GAVE WAY UNDER ME! I LURCHED FORWARD, STUMBLED AND FELL... AND A WAVE OF BLACKNESS SWEPT OVER ME...
(GASP!)... HELEN... NOT MUCH TIME...

WHEN I REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS, I WAS BACK IN THE HOUSE, AND HELEN WAS LOOKING DOWN AT ME! SHE WAS FRIGHTENED... I LOOKED AT THE LITTLE RED SPOT ON MY FOREARM WHERE THE HYPODERMIC NEEDLE HAD PUNCTURED THE SKIN...

IT WASN'T A DREAM! AND NOW I'VE ONLY GOT A COUPLE OF HOURS LEFT, BEFORE...

ALL RIGHT, HARRY... I'LL BE UPSTAIRS IF YOU NEED ME!

HELEN, I'M NOT FEELING TOO WELL! PLEASE LEAVE ME HERE ALONE FOR A LITTLE WHILE.. I'LL BE ALL RIGHT IF I'M ALONE!

WHEN SHE LEFT, I GOT UP AND STARTED FOR THE WRITING DESK! IT SEEMED SO HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT I COULD TAKE NO CHANCES! I HAD TO GET IT ALL DOWN ON PAPER, THE WHOLE STORY FOR EARTH TO KNOW...

IF ONLY I CAN LAST LONG ENOUGH TO GET IT ALL DOWN... THEY'LL BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! MAYBE THEY CAN TAKE SOME PRECAUTIONS...

"AND THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY AS I KNOW IT! IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE PAST I USED TO THINK WAS MINE NEVER REALLY EXISTED! IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE IT WAS ALL PUT INTO MY MIND..."

"... MY OWN MIND REBELS AT THE FACT THAT I AM NOT REALLY A HUMAN BEING... THAT I'M AN ALIEN SPY! WHAT'S THE INFORMATION I HAVE? I REALLY DON'T KNOW! BUT BEING AN INTERPRETER, I HAVE ACCESS TO MANY CLASSIFIED SECRETS... AND THEY'LL GET IT ALL FROM MY MIND WHEN I GET BACK..."

"... THEY'LL MAKE ME FORGET! I I DON'T WANT TO FORGET MY WIFE AND KIDS, AND MY HOME HERE ... I LOVE THE EARTH! BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE... THE DRUG IS TAKING EFFECT, AND I'LL HAVE TO GO..."

(GASP!) (CHOKE!)

...I'm writing this to leave as a warning to all of earth... Be on all of your guard... Watch the skies...

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GOOD-BYE, EARTH!

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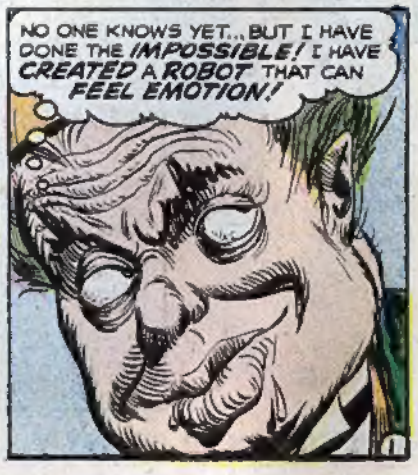
THE ROBOT THAT HATED

SEE THAT SHORT, NONDESCRIPT MAN... THE ONE IN THE RAINCOAT? NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT HIM, IS THERE? LOOKS LIKE A NOBODY, DOESN'T HE?

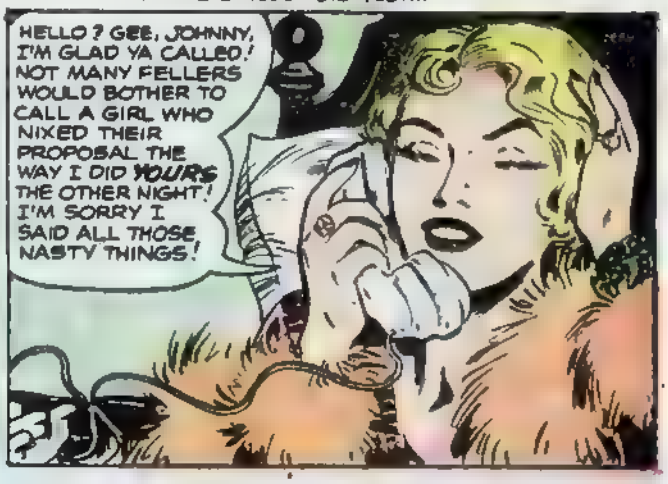
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! HE ONLY HAPPENS TO BE *JOHN FEDER*, THE PHYSICIST WHOSE PAPER *EQUATING EMOTIONAL IMPULSES WITH UNITS OF ELECTRICITY* WON HIM A TOP SCIENCE PRIZE FOUR YEARS AGO!

LOOK AT THAT GRIN ON HIS FACE... LIKE THE CAT THAT SWALLOWED THE CANARY! WHAT COULD THAT *SUPER-BRAIN* BE COOKING UP NOW?



JOHN FEDER ENTERS A CIGAR STORE! IGNORING THE CLERK'S HEARTY GREETING, HE PLUNKS HIMSELF DOWN IN A TELEPHONE BOOTH, AND WHILE HE DROPS A COIN INTO THE SLOT... AND WHILE HE DIALS... THE CRUEL SMILE LINGERS ON HIS LOOSE WET MOUTH...

A TELPHONE RINGS SHRILLY IN A ROOM-AND-A-HALF-WALK-UP IN THE CHELSEA DISTRICT...


HELLO? GEE, JOHNNY, I'M GLAD YA CALLED! NOT MANY FELLERS WOULD BOTHER TO CALL A GIRL WHO NIXED THEIR PROPOSAL THE WAY I DID YOURS THE OTHER NIGHT! I'M SORRY I SAID ALL THOSE NASTY THINGS!

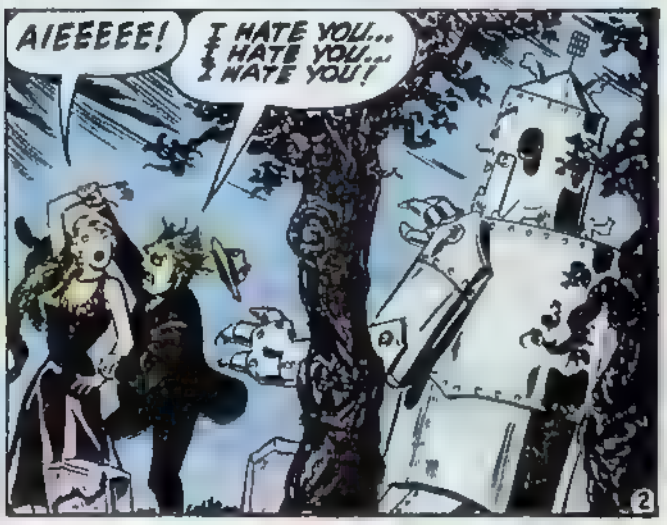
FORGET IT...THAT'S ALL WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE! LISTEN, FLO, WHAT ABOUT GETTING TOGETHER FOR A FEW DRINKS TONIGHT? I KNOW A LITTLE PLACE OUT IN RIDGEWOOD..
SURE, I'D LOVE TO!

JOHN FEDER KEEPS TALKING SOOTHINGLY INTO THE MOUTHPIECE! BUT AS HE TALKS, HE HOLDS A CIGARETTE BETWEEN TWO FINGERS, AND SQUEEZES IT HARD! IT IS ALMOST AS IF EACH FINGER WERE A HAND, AND THE WHITE CIGARETTE WERE A WOMAN'S TING NECK!

THERE ARE MANY CEMETERIES IN RIDGEWOOD...

STOP STARING AT ME THAT WAY! WHY ARE YOU YELLING?
I HATE YOU! I HATE YOU, FLO, FOR LAUGHING AT ME WHEN I PROPOSED! FOR SPITTING IN MY FACE, FOR THROWING MY RING TO THE GROUND... I HATE YOU!

JOHN FEDER'S HIGH-PITCHED VOICE SOARS UP INTO THE NIGHT AIR, ACROSS THE TOMBSTONES, AND OVER TO A GROVE OF TREES WHERE A ROBOT STANDS WAITING! A DYNAMO BEGINS TO PURR INSIDE THE STEEL HEAD! GEARS BEGIN CLICKING AND MASSIVE STEEL LEGS BEGIN STALKING PONDEROUSLY FORWARD...



AAAARGH!

IT WORKS! THIS WAS THE FIRST TEST OF THE ROBOT THAT CAN HATE... AND IT WORKS!

WITH THESE HANDS I MADE IT! A ROBOT WHOSE EMOTIONAL IMPULSES... WHOSE FEELINGS ARE ELECTRICALLY ATTUNED TO MINE! WHOM I HATE, IT HATES! WHOM I HATE... IT KILLS!

THE MOON SHINES DOWN! IT SHINES ON TOMBSTONES IN THE CEMETERY AND ON SQUALID HOUSES LINING SHADOWY STREETS! IT SHINES ON FEDER AS HE HURRIES HOMEWARD! AND IT SHINES ON THE STEEL MAN STACKING SILENTLY BESIDE HIM...

AT HOME, FEDER ATTENDS FIRST TO THE ROBOT...

DOWN, MY STEEL FRIEND! REST ON YOUR SLAB...REST WELL... THERE IS MUCH WORK AHEAD FOR YOU!

THEN HE UNDRESSES AND THROWS HIMSELF ON HIS RUMPLED BED!

I MUST REST TOO! MY BRAIN IS WHIRLING WITH EXCITEMENT! BUT I MUST REST TOO!

OUTSIDE JOHN FEDER'S WINDOW, A TREE RUSTLES SOFTLY! CAR TIRES HUM AS THEY ROLL SWIFTLY BY ON THE AVENUE! SOMEWHERE A WOMAN LAUGHS... ALL THESE SOUNDS FEDER HEARS AS HE LIES SLEEPLESS IN HIS BED...

HOW CAN A MAN SLEEP WHEN HE IS ON THE VERGE OF CONQUERING THE WORLD? HOW CAN A MAN SLEEP WHEN IMAGES OF CONQUEST KEEP MUSHROOMING INSIDE HIS BRAIN?

EVERYONE I HATE, THE ROBOT WILL KILL! AND I WILL HATE EVERYONE WHO STANDS IN MY WAY! THERE WILL BE NO LIMIT TO MY POWER!

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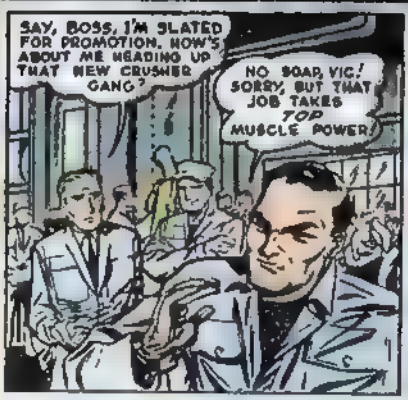
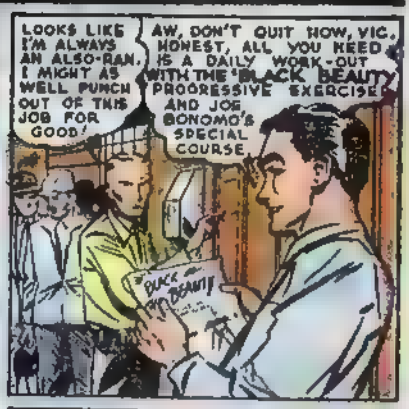

SAY, BOSS, I'M SLATED FOR PROMOTION. HOW'S ABOUT ME HEADING UP THAT NEW CRUSHER GANG?
NO SOAP, VIC! SORRY, BUT THAT JOB TAKES TOP MUSCLE POWER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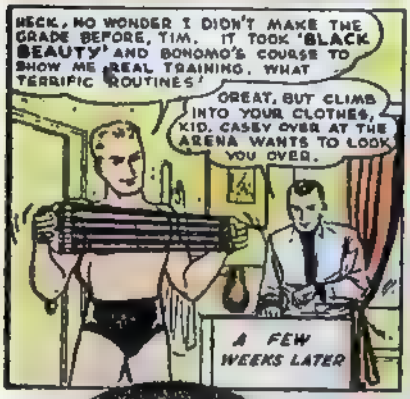
HECK, NO WONDER I DIDN'T MAKE THE GRADE BEFORE, TIM. IT TOOK 'BLACK BEAUTY' AND BONOMO'S COURSE TO SHOW ME REAL TRAINING. WHAT TERRIFIC ROUTINES!
GREAT, BUT CLIMB INTO YOUR CLOTHES, KID. CASEY OVER AT THE ARENA WANTS TO LOOK YOU OVER.
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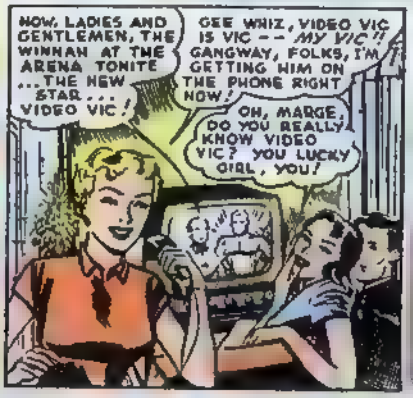
NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE WINNAH AT THE ARENA TONITE ... THE NEW STAR ... VIDEO VIC!
GEE WHIZ, VIDEO VIC IS VIC -- MY VIC!! GANGWAY, FOLKS, I'M GETTING HIM ON THE PHONE RIGHT NOW!
OH, MARGE, DO YOU REALLY KNOW VIDEO VIC? YOU LUCKY GIRL, YOU!

I'M PROUD TO KNOW YOU, VIDEO VIC. MY WIFE AND I SAW YOU WIN LAST NIGHT. I'VE GOT BIG PLANS FOR YOU HERE
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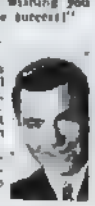

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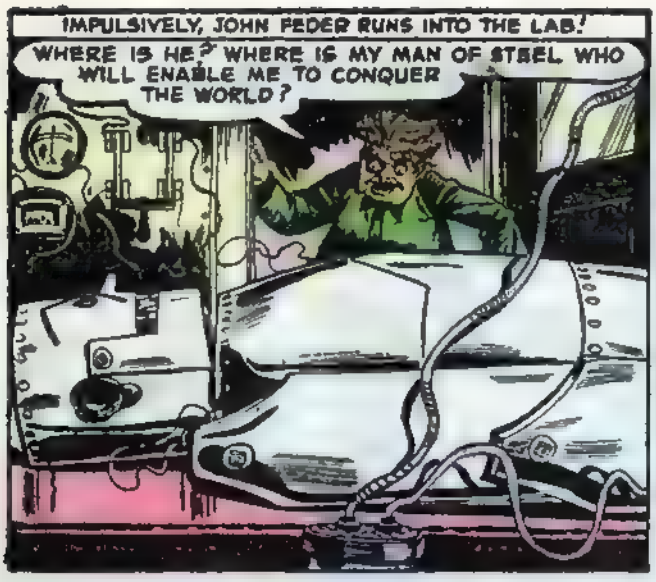
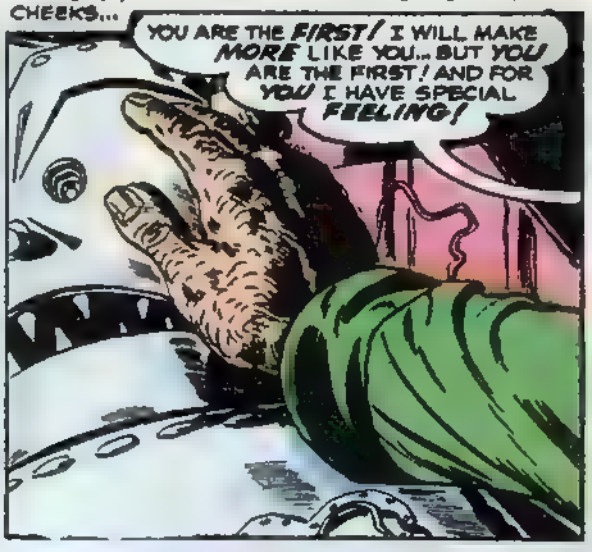
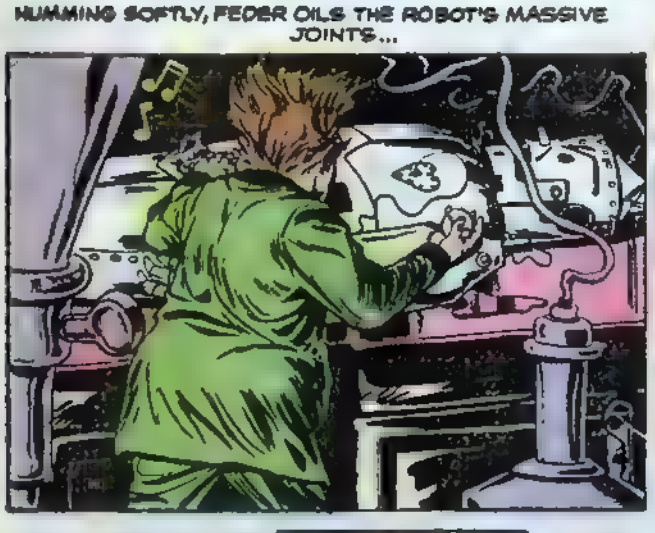
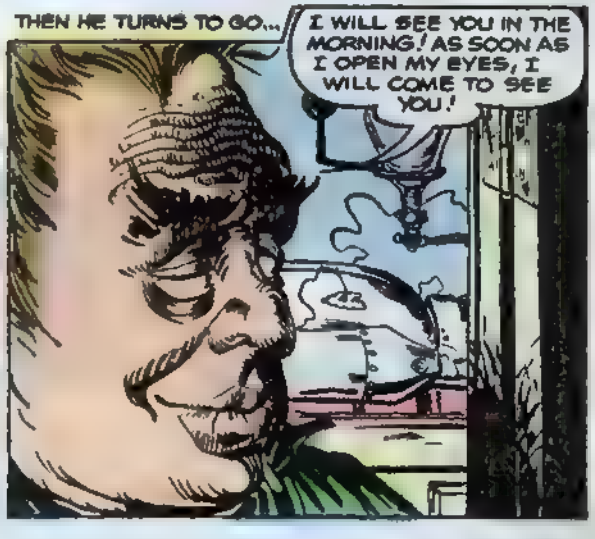
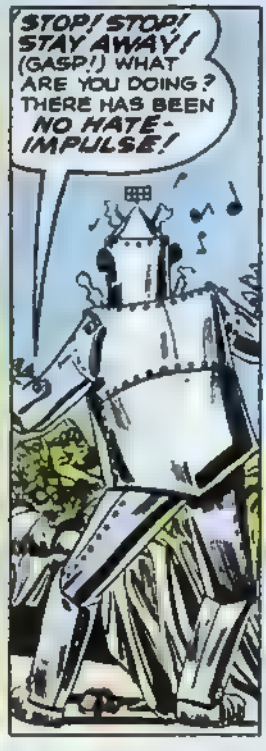
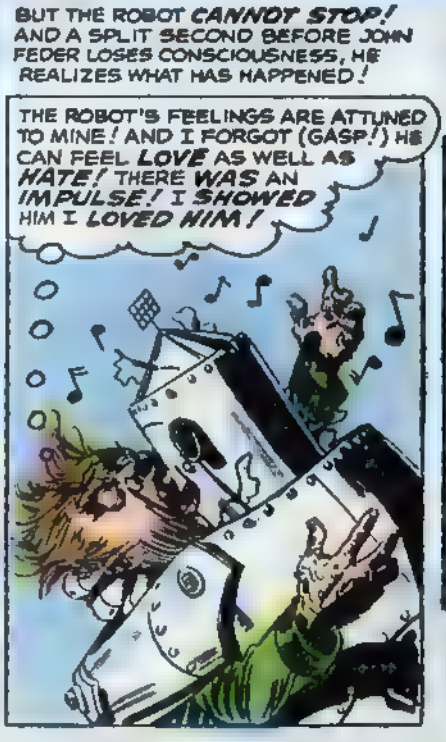



TENDERLY, FEDER STROKES THE ROBOT'S STEEL CHEEKS...
YOU ARE THE FIRST! I WILL MAKE MORE LIKE YOU... BUT YOU ARE THE FIRST! AND FOR YOU I HAVE SPECIAL FEELING!








BUT THE ROBOT CANNOT STOP! AND A SPLIT SECOND BEFORE JOHN FEDER LOSES CONSCIOUSNESS, HE REALIZES WHAT HAS HAPPENED!
THE ROBOT'S FEELINGS ARE ATTUNED TO MINE! AND I FORGOT (GASP!) HE CAN FEEL LOVE AS WELL AS HATE! THERE WAS AN IMPULSE! I SHOWED HIM I LOVED HIM!

THE ROBOT'S DYNAMO HUMS A LOVE TUNE! ITS MASSIVE ARMS KEEP SQUEEZING TIGHTER AND TIGHTER IN A HUG OF AFFECTION...
AAAARGH!
AND THEY INEXORABLY CRUSH JOHN FEDER, THE GREAT PHYSICIST, TO DEATH!
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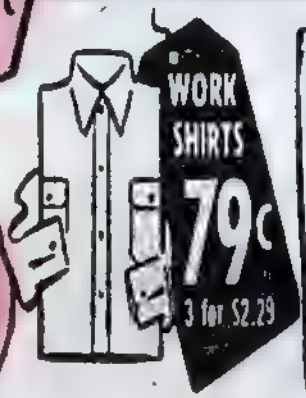

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N-NO...NO! I BEG OF YOU... NO!

MADNESS FORCES HER EYES TO REMAIN OPEN, BUT ALREADY HER MIND HAS LEFT THE NARROW PLANE OF SANITY! THIS THING CAN ONLY BE A WISP OF HORROR FROM HADES ITSELF!

THE SCREAM BURSTS FORTH IN GREAT SOBBING GASPS AND THE GABLE-HOUSED STREETS ECHO TO ITS URGENCY...

EEEEEEEE!

A HAND QUICKLY SMOTHERS THE SCREAM! NO, IT IS NOT A HAND! IT IS THE APPENDAGE OF A CREATURE WHOSE BONES ARE SOMETIMES FOUND IN CHALK-CLIFFS!

LIFE CLINGS BY A THREAD AND LIZETTE REMY TWISTS OUT FROM UNDER THE *THING'S* TENTACLE...

CHERIE...WHAT IS IT? WHY WERE YOU SCREAMING SO?

OHHH, IT WAS HORRIBLE! THE DREAM, I MEAN! I MUST HAVE HAD A *NIGHTMARE!*

SACRE BLEU! WHAT WAS THAT UNEARTHLY SCREAM?
NOTHING...NOTHING! DO NOT BE SO INQUISITIVE, PEPI! MY POOR LIZETTE HAD A NIGHTMARE, THAT IS ALL!
IT WAS A DREAM...I AM SURE! THE SAME DREAM I HAD LAST NIGHT! BUT, WHAT IS THIS?
NO-NO! IT IS NOT POSSIBLE! NIGHTMARES DO NOT LEAVE CALLING CARDS! AND YET...
You my darling my beloved, my heart's life! It is true I love you! I, a creature whose face would drive you insane. Do not speak to me, do not hate me! Let me just watch you as you sleep, I live on the one thread of mercy...
SHE MUST BE QUIET! SHE MUST TELL NO ONE...NOT EVEN HER BELOVED PAUL! LET IT PASS! LET HIS LIPS AND HIS KISSES WASH AWAY THE FRAGMENTS OF HORROR CLINGING TO HER...
WHY? WHY CAN'T WE GO AWAY TOGETHER? WHY CAN'T YOU BE WITH ME AT NIGHT WHEN I NEED YOU MOST?
OH, MY DARLING, HOW CAN I TELL YOU? IT IS IMPOSSIBLE! BE PATIENT, MY SWEET! SOON WE WILL BE TOGETHER DAY AND NIGHT!
I SEE YOU ONLY FROM DAWN TO SUNSET! I CANNOT UNDERSTAND IT, PAUL! I MUST GET AWAY FROM HERE...WE BOTH MUST GET AWAY! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH!
I DON'T KNOW BECAUSE YOU DON'T TELL ME! AND YET...I SUFFER WITH YOU, MY DARLING! IT WILL SOON PASS! YOU MUST BELIEVE ME!
BUT THAT NIGHT, AND THE NEXT, AND THE NEXT, IT STOOD BY HER BED AT NIGHT, ITS CYCLOPS' EYE WEEPING...
GO AWAY! LEAVE ME, I BEG OF YOU! LET ME REMAIN SANE! I PITY YOU BUT WHAT YOU ASK CANNOT BE!
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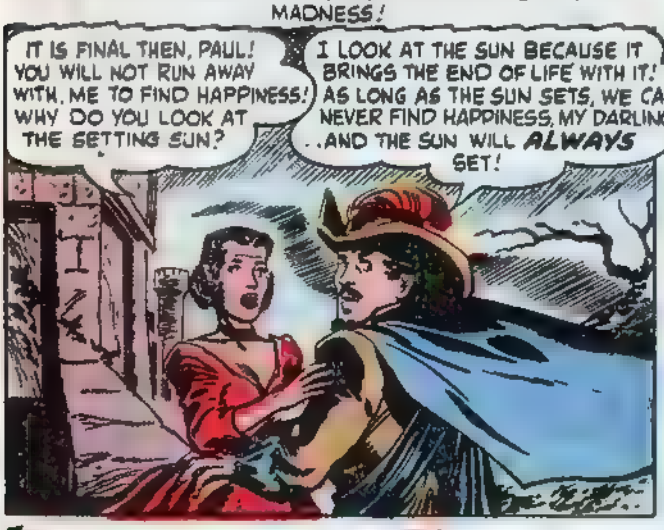
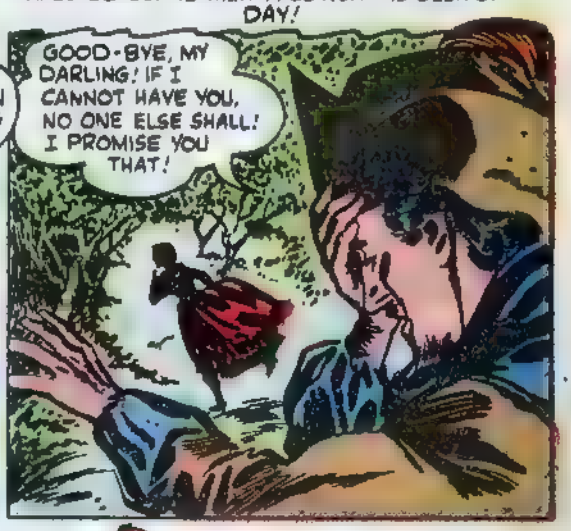
PAUL'S ARMS AND LIPS MEAN NOTHING NOW! WORDS FAIL! FOR SOME REASON HE CANNOT JOIN HER IN FLIGHT...AND SHE CANNOT REMAIN BEHIND TO PLUNGE OVER THE EDGE OF MADNESS!


IT IS FINAL THEN, PAUL! YOU WILL NOT RUN AWAY WITH ME TO FIND HAPPINESS! WHY DO YOU LOOK AT THE SETTING SUN?
I LOOK AT THE SUN BECAUSE IT BRINGS THE END OF LIFE WITH IT! AS LONG AS THE SUN SETS, WE CAN NEVER FIND HAPPINESS, MY DARLING ..AND THE SUN WILL ALWAYS SET!

MADNESS! IT APPROACHES SWIFTLY UNDER THE GUISE OF LOVE, OR SLEEP, OR DREAM! NOTHING MAKES SENSE...NEITHER PAUL NOR THE DUSK OF DAY!



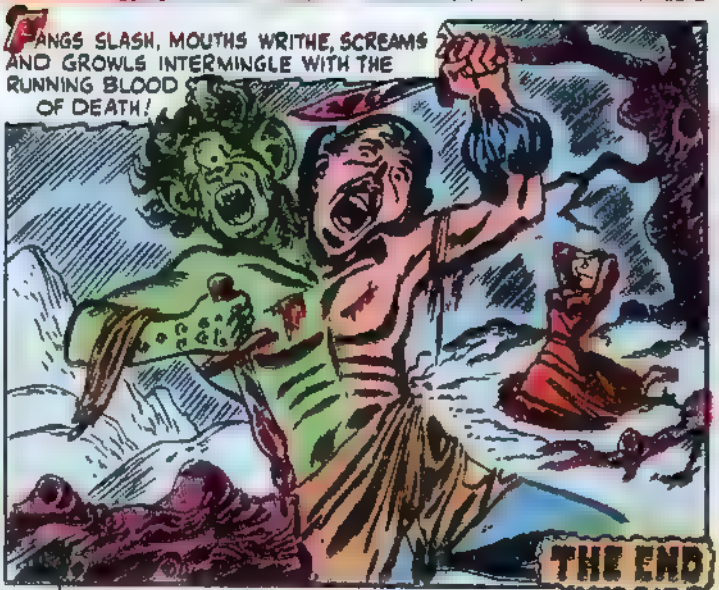
ONE MORE MINUTE BEFORE DUSK, AND SHE FLEES THROUGH THE THICKENING SHADOWS OF THE FOREST! DAY WILL END AND NIGHT WILL BEGIN! AND NIGHT WILL BRING WITH IT HORROR...

THE SUN HAS SET, AND NOW SHE SENSES PURSUIT! SOMETHING... SOMEONE IS CHASING HER! THE THOUGHT BRINGS HER CLOSER TO MADNESS, BECAUSE IT MIGHT BE THE THING OF HER DREAMS!

SHE STOPS, PARALYZED INTO IMMOBILITY BY THE SOUND OF A HOARSE, BABBLING, GUTTURAL VOICE...THEN ANOTHER VOICE! THE GROWLING MUTTERINGS OF TWO WILD BEASTS IN DEATH STRUGGLE!

THEN SHE SEES IT AND HER MIND FLEES ITS NARROW CONFINES AND WINGS INTO THE VOID OF MADNESS!

FANGS SLASH, MOUTHS WRITHE, SCREAMS AND GROWLS INTERMINGLE WITH THE RUNNING BLOOD OF DEATH!



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HERE'S A GHOST STORY THAT OUTDOES THEM ALL! WE HOPE YOU DON'T SCARE EASILY... ANYWAY, YOU'VE BEEN WARNED...

BEWARE OF THE GHOST

"BUT dash it all, Draper," said Curtis, curator of the British Museum, "I don't believe in witches and ghosts and hobgoblins and all that sort of tommyrot!"

"Neither do I, Curtis," said Draper, "and you know that very well. But the fact remains that seven people have gone to the police claiming that a witch had told 'em they were going to die—that they'd be strangled by the ghost of Bronislaw, the angry Scot. The police laugh at 'em, and then, *poof!* Six of His Majesty's loyal subjects found in the Thames River, strangled, and the coroner says that no human hand did it, while the seventh is screaming up and down that he wants police protection."

"Did he get it?" asked Curtis.

"Get it?" said Draper in exasperation. "They've got the poor bloke's flat surrounded by a squad of Scotland Yard's best."

"By Jasper, Draper," said Curtis, "I still don't believe it was a ghost or anything that can't be explained naturally."

"Explain it then."

"But I haven't investigated the matter personally," protested Curtis.

"Well, then," snapped Draper, "investigate it!"

Morton Curtis looked at his companion for a moment, he pursed his lips, and diddled with the native dagger that he used for a letter opener.

"All right," he exploded, "I will." He picked up the telephone. A voice squeaked out of the other end and he said, "Get me Scotland Yard. Hello, Scotland Yard? This is Professor Curtis speaking. Yes, of the British Museum. I would like to interview the fellow that spoke to the witch, you know that Langer chap. Yes, I've worked with Inspector Charridon before. Is it all right? Thank you." He hung up and faced Draper. "All right, let's go."

The house where Langer lived was an old style brownstone on the outskirts of Lyndale. Curtis and Draper were met at the door by a cordon of policemen who checked with headquarters before they let them get through. Finally Draper pushed the buzzer at the door of Langer's flat.

The door opened — just a crack—and a hoarse voice grated, "Who is it?"

Draper announced them and the door opened a little wider, showing a chain latch. Two dark eyes peered out at them and then, apparently satisfied, Langer opened the door to let them in.

They discussed the entire matter with Langer, the witch, the killings, the ghost of the angry Scot, and the police protection. Finally Curtis asked.

"Where does this witch live?"

"Oh," gasped Langer, visibly shaken with fear, "I couldn't tell you that."

"Come, come—man," snapped Curtis, "you're surrounded by a whole squad of Scotland Yard's finest policemen. No one can hurt you."

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Langer's voice was harried as he said, "But ghosts aren't afraid of policemen. The witch said he'd kill me, she said he'd get me in my flat, even if I was surrounded by the whole British and Scotch armies."

"Well, then," said Curtis in a quiet voice, "you'd better help us find this thing before it gets here."

Langer's voice was broken. "I — I guess you're right."

He broke down and gave the complete story of how he'd heard of The Witch of Waterloo, supposedly descended from the witch that helped to defeat Napoleon at Waterloo. He'd heard talk in a pub one night that if she liked you she could give you eternal youth and boundless wealth, but if she didn't, she put the hex on you, and the ghost of Bronislaw came, strangled you, and threw you in the Thames.

Curtis listened thoughtfully and when Langer had finished, he asked, "Did she ask you for anything? Money?"

"No."

"What's her address?"

"324½ Darby Road. That's just beyond Waterloo Bridge."

Curtis gave Draper a long look. "Let's go," he said.

At 324½ Darby Road, an old wrinkled woman answered Draper's knock at the door.

"Yes?" she hissed through broken stumps of teeth.

"We're looking for the woman who calls herself The Witch of Waterloo," said Curtis.

"I am that person," said the old woman. "What do you want with me?"

"I am Professor Curtis, of the British Museum," said Curtis, "and this is my associate Mr. Draper. We ah—we're interested in finding out about the ghost of the Angry Scot—Bronislaw."

She gave out with a weird cackle that made Curtis' flesh prickle. "Come in, come in, gentlemen."

She threw the door open, and the filthy, musty odor hit the two men and nearly staggered them. Draper pretended that he had a cold, and he walked in with his pocket-handkerchief held to his nose. As they followed the witch they passed rooms filled with all kinds of junk, books, papers and just plain rubbish. Finally they came to a room which was separated by a curtain from another room. The witch plunged behind the curtain, and then returned quickly bearing a huge scroll wrapped in velvet. She motioned to the two men to be seated on the couch, and she, herself sat crosslegged on the floor.

"So you want to know about the ghost of the Angry Scot," she said. Her voice trailed off in a high scraping cackle. She pulled the velvet sheath off the scroll and rolled the parchment manuscript out on the floor. She sat there white, and deathly, with her palms pressed to her forehead, muttering Latin phrases.

Curtis said, "What the blazes is—"

"Sh-h-h," interjected Draper. "Listen!"

Curtis listened, and soon he heard the weird keening wail of the bagpipes of the Scotch Highlanders. It came closer, and closer, until it seemed to fill the room with its violent melody that squeezed your brain until you wanted to scream out.

Then it appeared.

At first it was just a shimmering glow of translucence that filled a corner of the room, it whirled and danced to the tune of the pipes. It came closer and closer to the center of the room and then it stopped, wavered and slowly assumed a shape.

Curtis gasped. Draper sobbed in fear. And the thing—the horrible thing that was the ghost of the Angry Scotsman, Bronislaw, stood there, his face wreathed in the furious anger that had given him his namesake.

The witch looked up at the ghost, and said, "I was worried about you, Bronislaw. Where have you been? We have guests who would know of you."

The voice of the thing came out like the sound of death, like the sound of bats rustling in the graveyard trees. "Langer is dead now, your highness. You are once more avenged. I am honored that you worry about your humble servant, Bronislaw. How may I serve the rightful Queen of Scotland, descendant of MARY, Queen of Scots, who was beheaded by the devil-spawned Englishmen?"

Draper fainted, and Curtis lay sobbing on the ground. She pointed to the two Englishmen and shrieked, "Kill them! Kill them!"

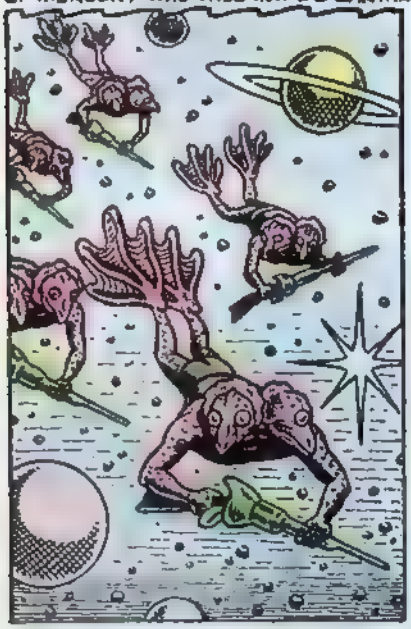
The ghost of the Angry Scot complied.

THE END 8232

POOR PAUL! THE GUY IS SIMPLY *BESIDE* HIMSELF! HOW ABOUT A WEIRDIE ABOUT THE TIME WHEN SPACE TRAVEL HAS BECOME A FACT? A COUPLE OF CREEPS ARE GONNA RUN OUT ON THEIR DUTY...BUT THEY'LL WISH THEY'D STAYED AT HOME!

MENACE FROM MARS!

SPACE TRAVEL IS ONLY TEN YEARS OLD AND ALREADY THERE IS TALK OF WAR BETWEEN THE PLANETS! RUMORS FLY ABOUT THE MONSTERS OF MERCURY WHO WILL INVADE EARTH...



AND THERE ARE THOSE WHO HEARD, FROM A GUY WHO HAS A PAL WHO KNOWS A PRIVATE IN THE SPACE CORPS, THAT WHEN THE SNAKE CREATURES FROM JUPITER COME, IT'LL GOOD-BYE, WORLD...

BUT IT'S THE MENACE FROM MARS WE'VE REALLY GOT TO FEAR, SAY OTHERS! THOSE MARTIANS ARE GIANTS.. 20 FEET TALL!

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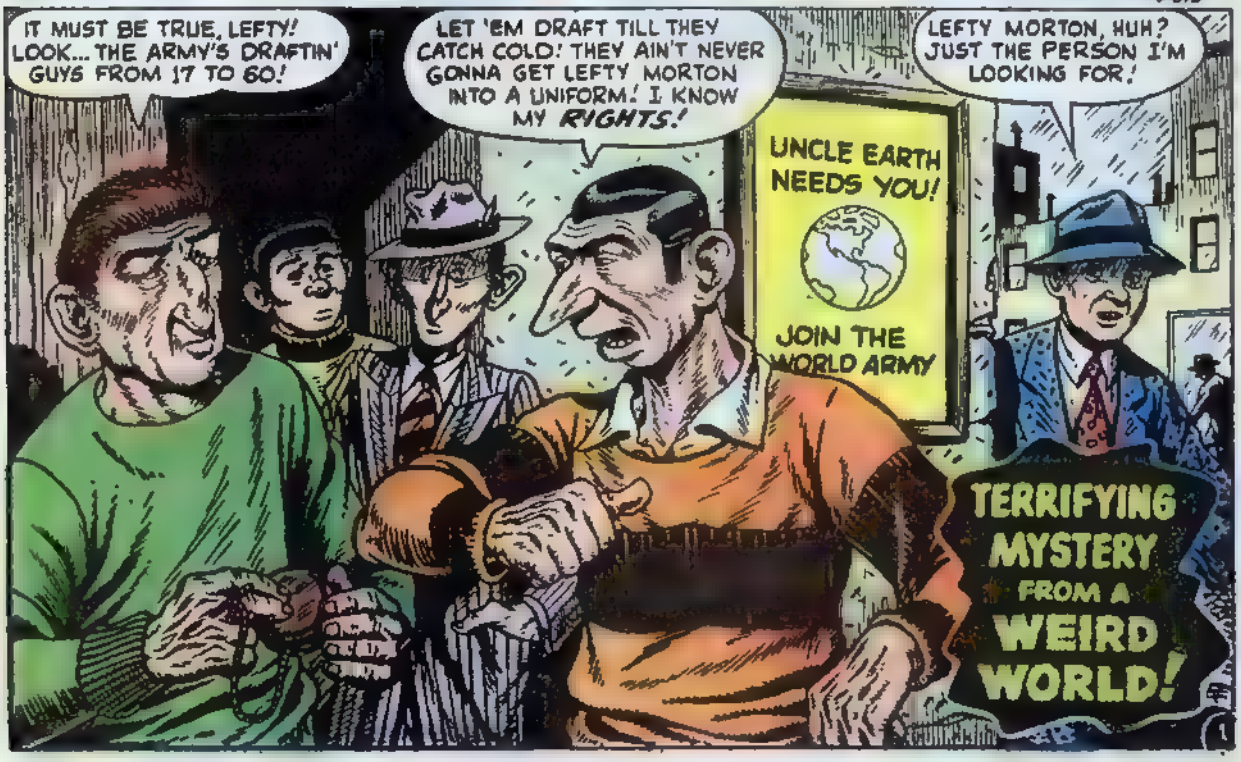
IT MUST BE TRUE, LEFTY! LOOK... THE ARMY'S DRAFTIN' GUYS FROM 17 TO 60!
LET 'EM DRAFT TILL THEY CATCH COLD! THEY AIN'T NEVER GONNA GET LEFTY MORTON INTO A UNIFORM! I KNOW MY *RIGHTS!*
LEFTY MORTON, HUH? JUST THE PERSON I'M LOOKING FOR!
UNCLE EARTH NEEDS YOU!
JOIN THE WORLD ARMY
TERRIFYING MYSTERY FROM A WEIRD WORLD!

YEAH? AN' WHATTA YA WANT WITH ME, SNOOPER?
JUST THE ANSWER TO A QUESTION... WHY HAVEN'T YOU REPORTED TO THE DRAFT BOARD?
I REFUSE TO ANSWER ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT MIGHT INCRIMINATE ME!
AND I REFUSE TO ACCEPT THAT AS A SATISFACTORY ANSWER...SO COME WITH ME!
LUN
LEGGO OF ME!
COME ON, YA GUYS! YA BETTER SCRAM OR HE'LL SNAG YA INTO THE ARMY!
CRIPES, LEFTY...THAT WAS A DRAFT BOARD COP YA SLUGGED! NOW YOU'RE IN REAL TROUBLE!
WHATTA YA MEAN I'M IN TROUBLE? YER ALL IN THIS WITH ME! WE'RE COMRADES, AIN'T WE?
YEAH, SURE, LEFTY... WE'RE WITH YA!
OKAY, THEN LET'S SNATCH THIS BUGGY AN' MAKE OUR GETAWAY IN STYLE!
BUT, LEFTY... CRIPES...THIS IS AN AMBULANCE!
SO WHAT? GET IN OR YOU'LL RIDE AS A CUSTOMER!
OHHH!
LEFTY! LOOK OUT! YER GONNA HIT THAT...
I AM BLIND

YA KILLED THE GUY, LEFTY! AN' THE COPS ARE COMIN' AFTER US!
THEY'LL NEVER GET US! I'LL HAVE THIS MEAT WAGON FLYIN'!
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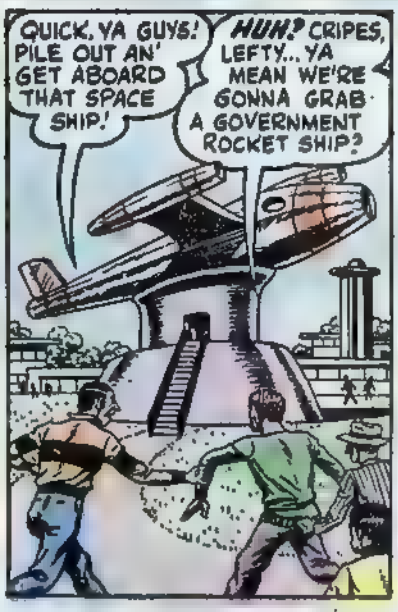
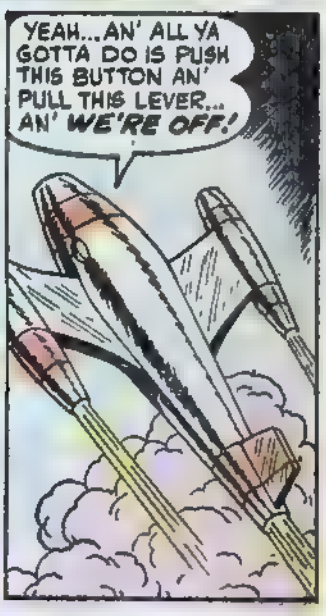
AMBULA

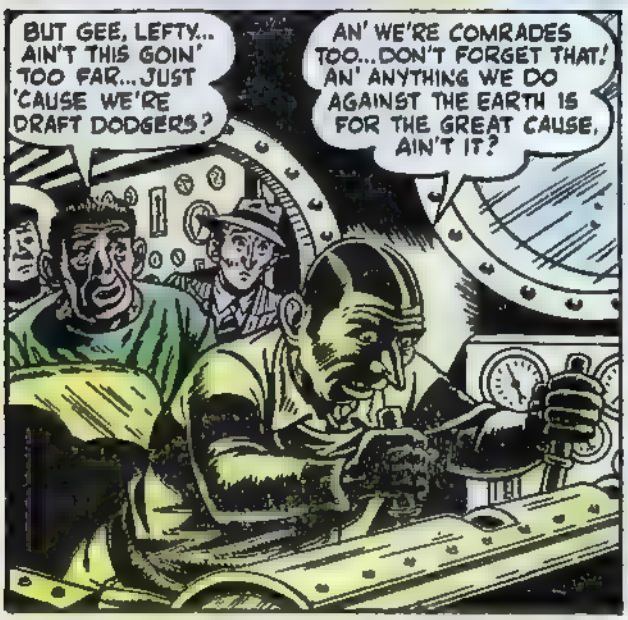
YEAH... FLYIN'! THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA! WE'RE GOIN' TO THE GOVERNMENT SPACE PORT!

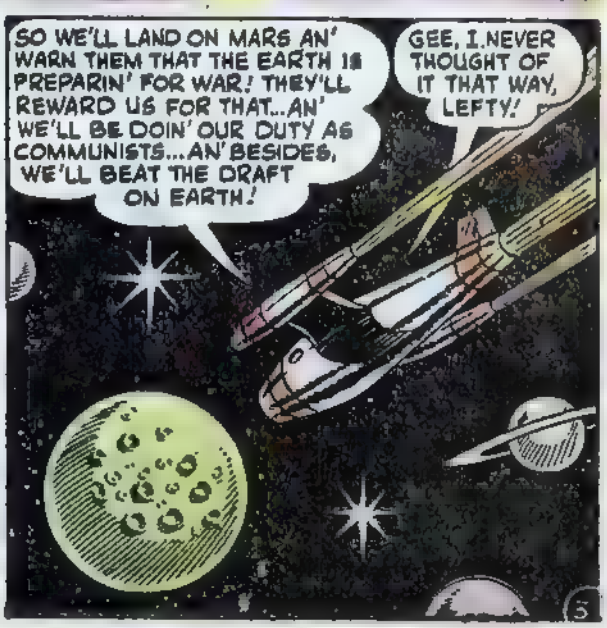
HERE WE ARE! IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG THE WAY I DRIVE, HUH?
STOP! LEFTY! THERE'S A GATE AHEAD... AND GUARDS!

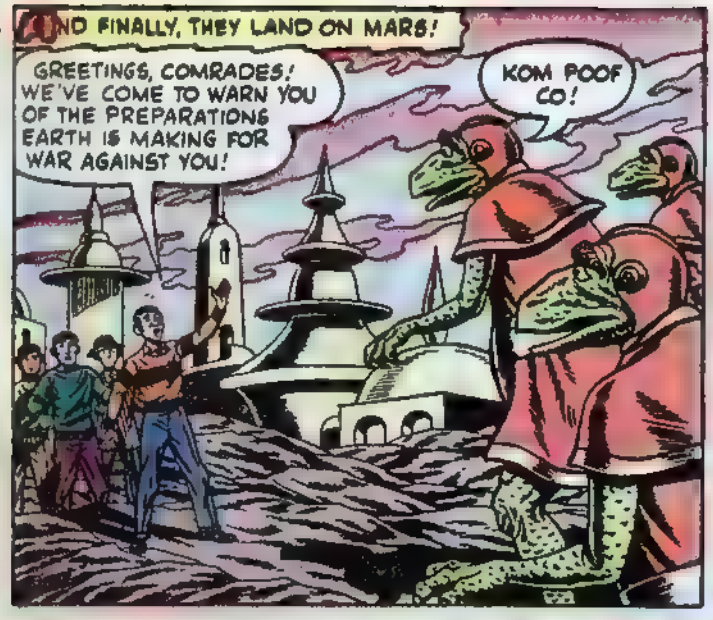
NOT ANY MORE THERE AIN'T!


QUICK, YA GUYS! PILE OUT AN' GET ABOARD THAT SPACE SHIP!
HUH? CRIPES, LEFTY... YA MEAN WE'RE GONNA GRAB A GOVERNMENT ROCKET SHIP?


YEAH... AN' ALL YA GOTTA DO IS PUSH THIS BUTTON AN' PULL THIS LEVER... AN' WE'RE OFF!


BUT GEE, LEFTY... AIN'T THIS GOIN' TOO FAR... JUST 'CAUSE WE'RE DRAFT DODGERS?
AN' WE'RE COMRADES TOO... DON'T FORGET THAT! AN' ANYTHING WE DO AGAINST THE EARTH IS FOR THE GREAT CAUSE, AIN'T IT?


SO WE'LL LAND ON MARS AN' WARN THEM THAT THE EARTH IS PREPARIN' FOR WAR! THEY'LL REWARD US FOR THAT... AN' WE'LL BE DOIN' OUR DUTY AS COMMUNISTS... AN' BESIDES, WE'LL BEAT THE DRAFT ON EARTH!
GEE, I NEVER THOUGHT OF IT THAT WAY, LEFTY!


AND FINALLY, THEY LAND ON MARS!
GREETINGS, COMRADES! WE'VE COME TO WARN YOU OF THE PREPARATIONS EARTH IS MAKING FOR WAR AGAINST YOU!
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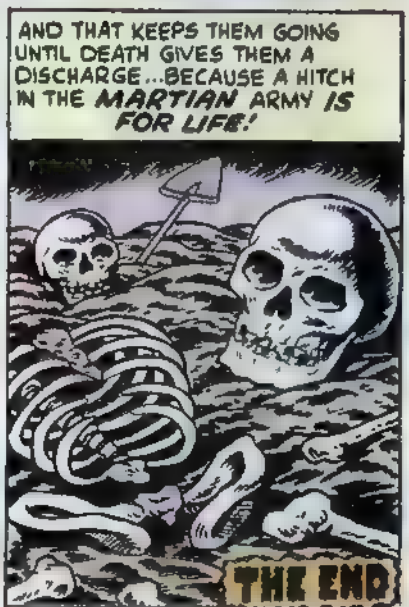
SO, THE MARTIANS CAN'T UNDERSTAND ANY EARTH LANGUAGE! BUT EVEN A DOPE CAN UNDERSTAND THAT THE MARTIANS ARE PREPARING FOR WAR... AND LEFTY IS A PRIZE DOPE!
THESE GUYS ARE GETTIN' READY FOR WAR, TOO!
HEY! LEGGO! WHERE YA TAKIN' US?

WITH THE GREAT MARTIAN-SHORTAGE ON MARS, THEY ARE DRAFTING EVERYONE...EVEN COMMUNISTS FROM EARTH!
THEY CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! I KNOW MY RIGHTS!
YEAH...THEY CAN'T MAKE US WEAR THEIR CRUMMY UNIFORMS!
HUP!



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THE DEAD

HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHY'S EVERYTHING LOCKED UP? WHAT'S EVERYONE RUNNING AWAY FOR? WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THIS TOWN?

HAL JENNINGS HADN'T BEEN AWAY FOR LONG... JUST A FEW DAYS OF HUNTING AND FISHING ON A PLEASANT VACATION! AND YET, WHEN HE CAME BACK HOME, THERE WAS A CHAOS THAT HE HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE! WINDOWS WERE BOARDED UP... AND EXCEPT FOR A FEW FLEEING NEIGHBORS, THE STREETS WERE DESERTED...

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HE STOOD IN THE CENTER OF THE EMPTY STREET, STARING AT THE DESOLATE TOWN THAT HAD ONCE BEEN ALIVE! DAZED AND UNABLE TO SHAKE OFF THE FEELING OF SHOCK, HE TRUDGED SLOWLY IN THE DIRECTION OF HIS OWN HOME...

I...I CAN'T UNDERSTAND! I'VE ONLY BEEN GONE FOR FOUR DAYS... AND IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE'S GONE... OR... HIDING... OR DEAD!

IT WAS LIKE BEING LOST IN A BAD DREAM! HE WANTED TO SHOUT OUT, BUT HIS VOICE WAS PARALYZED! THEN HE REMEMBERED THAT HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN HAD BEEN LEFT ALONE WHILE HE WAS AWAY...

MARY! AND THE KIDS! WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM? THEY'VE GOT TO BE SAFE, OR I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF FOR LEAVING...

HE RAN LIKE A MADMAN IN PANIC... ACROSS THE GRAVEL ROADS, AND SHORT-CUTS THRU BACK YARDS OF HIS NEIGHBORS! ONLY ONE THOUGHT KEPT BEATING AT HIS BRAIN...

;GASP! THEY'VE JUST GOT TO BE ALL RIGHT! THEY HAVE JUST GOT TO BE SAFE!

HE CLIMBED THE WHITE PICKET FENCE INTO HIS OWN BACK YARD, AND HE WAS HEADED AROUND FOR THE FRONT DOOR WHEN HE HEARD A NOISE FROM THE CELLAR! IT WAS CLEAR... AND THERE WAS NO MISTAKING IT... SOMEONE WAS CRYING...

IT... IT'S COMING FROM THE CELLAR! I WONDER... COULD IT BE...?

HE TIPTOED TOWARD THE CELLAR DOOR! HIS HAND GRASPED THE COLD IRON KNOB, AND HE JERKED THE DOOR OPEN QUICKLY! AND HE SAW...

HAL! ;SOB! IT'S YOU! YOU'VE COME AT LAST! THANK HEAVENS!

DADDY! TAKE US AWAY FROM HERE! WE'RE AFRAID!

YOU'RE ALIVE! OH, MARY! I IMAGINED ALL SORTS OF CRAZY THINGS!

OH, HAL! WHEN YOU DIDN'T COME, I THOUGHT SOMETHING HAD HAPPENED TO YOU! I WANTED TO LEAVE AND TAKE THE CHILDREN WITH ME... BUT I HAD TO WAIT FOR YOU...

BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND, MARY! WHAT'S HAPPENED HERE? I SAW THE STREETS DESERTED, AND PEOPLE HIDING, OR RUNNING AWAY! WHY? WHAT IS IT?

HAL SAW THE STRANGE LOOK IN HIS WIFE'S EYES AS SHE REALIZED THAT HE KNEW NOTHING! THE BLOOD SEEMED TO DRAIN FROM HER FACE... BUT THEN SHE GOT TO HER FEET AND TOOK HIS HAND...

YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT IF I JUST TELL YOU! COME, AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!

WHAT IS IT, MARY? WHATEVER IT IS, SURELY THERE'S NO NEED FOR SUCH TERROR...

THE WOODEN STAIRCASE CREAKED BENEATH THEIR FEET AS THEY MOVED SLOWLY TOWARDS THE DOOR THAT LED TO THEIR LIVING ROOM! HAL OPENED IT.

Y-YOU SEE WHAT I MEANT! ;SOB! WHAT CAN WE DO?

;GASP! GOOD HEAVENS! IT CAN'T BE!

THERE WERE DEAD THINGS IN THAT ROOM! CORPSES! BUT NOT JUST STRANGERS! THEY WERE THE DECEASED RELATIVES OF HAL AND MARY JENNINGS... MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY THAT THEY HAD LONG SINCE STOPPED MOURNING!

AUNT DOROTHY AND UNCLE FRANK! BUT THEY DIED NEARLY TEN YEARS AGO!

YES, AND THERE'S GEORGE, AND HELEN, AND ALL THE REST! THEY'VE ALL COME BACK FROM THE DEAD!

SEEING THE UNEARTHLY VISITORS IN HIS LIVING ROOM WAS A SHATTERING BLOW TO HAL'S NERVES! HE TREMBLED AS HIS WIFE LED HIM BACK TO THE UNDERGROUND SANCTUARY...

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THOSE THINGS JUST DON'T HAPPEN! TELL ME I WAS SEEING THINGS, BEFORE I GO OUT OF MY MIND!

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL! IT WAS THE SAME WAY WITH ME WHEN I SAW THEM! IT HAPPENED TWO DAYS AFTER YOU LEFT FOR YOUR VACATION...

"I REMEMBER AS IF IT WERE ONLY THIS MORNING! I WAS COMING BACK WITH MY BUNDLES FROM THE MARKET, AND I PASSED NEWGATE CEMETERY! NINA ASKED ME THE SAME QUESTION SHE ALWAYS DID..."

MOMMY, WHY DO THEY PUT PEOPLE IN THE GROUND WHEN THEY DIE?

I'VE TOLD YOU, DARLING... BECAUSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST SOMEONE THEY LOVE WANT THEM TO REST IN A NICE, PEACEFUL PLACE!

"BUT SUDDENLY THE PEACE WAS SHATTERED BY THE SOUND OF CRUNCHING ROCK AND A LOW ROARING SOUND! IT WAS LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE, TEARING THE GROUND APART!"

MOMMY! MOMMY! I'M AFRAID!

LOOK! SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO THE GROUND!

"I WANTED TO RUN, BUT MY LEGS WENT WEAK! I COULD ONLY STAND THERE AND STARE AT THE TOPPLING STONES AND THE HEAVING EARTH THAT BUBBLED UP FROM BELOW! LONG JAGGED CRACKS WERE EVERYWHERE AS THE GROUND SPLIT APART..."

"I WANTED TO SCREAM! BUT I COULD ONLY MOVE MY MOUTH IDIOTICALLY, WITHOUT MAKING A SOUND, AS I SAW THOSE HANDS REACHING OUT FROM THEIR GRAVES..."

"I SAW THEM! THEY CAME CRAWLING OUT WITH THE SOFT, BLACK EARTH STILL CLINGING TO THEIR BODIES THAT HAD ROTTED LONG AGO..."

"I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE END OF ALL OF US! BUT THE PECULIAR THING WAS THEY DIDN'T HURT ANYONE, OR ATTACK THE PEOPLE ON THE STREETS! THEY JUST IGNORED US ALL, AS IF THEY HAD SOME PLACE IMPORTANT TO GO TO — AS IF THEY WERE RELATIVES RETURNING HOME AFTER A LONG ABSENCE!"

"AND WHERE DID THEY GO? THEY CAME BACK TO THE HOUSES THEY HAD KNOWN IN LIFE... BACK TO THEIR RELATIVES AND LOVED ONES WHO HAD CRIED WHEN THEY WERE PUT INTO THE COLD GROUND... BACK TO THE PEOPLE WHO HAD SCREAMED WHEN THEY DIED AND PLEADED FOR THE DECEASED TO RETURN!"

"I SAW THEM GOING BACK TO THEIR OWN HOMES... RINGING DOORBELLS AND WAITING TO BE RECEIVED WITH OUTSTRETCHED ARMS ... WITH LOVE AND TENDERNESS! BUT THE RESPONSE WAS VERY DIFFERENT! THE SHOCK KILLED MANY PEOPLE AND DROVE OTHERS MAD!"

GEORGE! NO! IT CAN'T BE! YOU'RE DEAD! GO AWAY! I MUST BE LOSING MY MIND!

MARY'S VOICE TREMBLED AND BROKE INTO HYSTERICAL SOBBING AS SHE FINISHED HER STORY!

YOU KNOW THE REST, HAL! I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER COME, AND I COULDN'T LEAVE TILL YOU GOT HERE! NOW WE CAN GO AWAY TOGETHER!

GO? LEAVE OUR HOMES TO THOSE CORPSES IN THERE? THAT'S NOT THE ANSWER! WE BELONG HERE... AND WE'RE GOING TO STAY AND FIGHT IT OUT! SOMETHING'S GOT TO BE DONE!

IT WAS NIGHT WHEN HAL JENNINGS LIFTED UP THE CELLAR DOOR AND MADE HIS WAY OUTSIDE! HIS WHOLE BODY WAS STILL TAUT WITH NERVOUSNESS... BUT HE LOOKED BACK AT HIS FAMILY FOR ONLY AN INSTANT AND THEN WENT OUT...

BE CAREFUL, HAL, WHATEVER YOU DO!

DON'T WORRY! I'VE GOT TO GET SOME MEN TOGETHER! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!

HAL JENNINGS WENT THROUGH THE TOWN LOOKING FOR PEOPLE! HE TALKED TO THEM... ARGUED WITH THEM...

YOU'VE GOT TO STAY! IF WE ALL STICK TOGETHER WE CAN DRIVE THEM OUT! ALL WE'VE GOT TO DO IS ORGANIZE!

MAYBE HE'S RIGHT! I BUILT THAT HOUSE WITH MY OWN HANDS, AND PLANTED THAT GARDEN! I'D SURE HATE TO LEAVE!

HAL JENNINGS ORGANIZED A MEETING, AND THE FRIGHTENED PEOPLE WERE GLAD TO GATHER AROUND AND FEEL THE COURAGE BUILDING UP IN THE STRENGTH OF NUMBERS...

IT'S NATURAL TO FEAR THINGS WE DON'T UNDERSTAND, BUT YOU CAN'T LET FEAR PARALYZE YOU!

OKAY, HAL... BUT WHAT DO WE DO?

WE'LL TAKE TORCHES AND CROWBARS! WE'LL GO BACK TO OUR HOMES AND DRIVE THEM OUT! WE'LL SEND THEM BACK WHERE THEY BELONG! IF THEY WANTED TO HURT US, THEY'D HAVE DONE IT BEFORE! SO LET'S JUST LET THEM KNOW THEY'RE NOT WANTED HERE!

HE MOVED THEM... STIRRED THEIR ANGER ... AND IN A FEW MINUTES THE QUIET CROWD WAS TURNED INTO A VICIOUS MOB ARMING THEMSELVES WITH TORCHES, FENCE-PICKETS AND ANYTHING THEY COULD FIND! THE FIRELIGHT FLICKERED IN THEIR EYES AS THEY FOLLOWED THEIR NEW LEADER!

C'MON... LET'S GO! BURN 'EM!

DRIVE THEM OUT!

BACK TO THEIR GRAVES!

OKAY, MEN! INTO THE HOUSES... GET RID OF 'EM!

THE MOB MOVED FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE WITH CRACKLING PITCH TORCHES, THEIR HEARTS FULL OF FURY AND HATRED! BUT THE DEAD MADE NO ATTEMPT TO FIGHT BACK! IT WAS ALMOST AS IF THEY HAD DISCOVERED FOR THE FIRST TIME DURING THEIR VISIT, THAT THEY WEREN'T WANTED...

GET OUT! GO BACK WHERE YOU CAME FROM AND LEAVE US ALONE!

GO BACK TO THE GRAVE OR WE'LL CREMATE YOUR BONES!

THERE WAS NO TROUBLE! THE DEAD WENT QUIETLY, LEAVING THE PLACES OF THEIR LOVED ONES... LEAVING THE HOMES WHERE THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE WANTED! THEY DIDN'T SEEM ANGRY OR AFRAID! THEY JUST SEEMED HURT...

THAT'S RIGHT! YOU'D... JUST... BETTER... GO...

THAT WAS ALMOST TOO EASY!

THEY CAME FROM HOUSES ALL THROUGH THE TOWN, MOVING SILENTLY PAST THE FLOWER BEDS...THROUGH THE GATES... AND ONTO THE STREETS! THE ONLY SOUND WAS THE CRUNCHING OF THE GRAVEL BENEATH THEIR FEET....

SOON THE STREETS WERE A RIVER OF WALKING DEAD, MOVING EFFORTLESSLY SIDE BY SIDE, AS IF BY SOME STRANGE MANNER OF COMMON CONSENT THEY HAD DECIDED TO GO TOGETHER TO SOME UNKNOWN PLACE!

AND SUDDENLY, AS MYSTERIOUSLY AS THEY HAD COME, THEY WERE GONE! THE STREETS WERE EMPTY! THE TOWN WAS SILENT!

"BUT WHERE," THE QUESTION AROSE, "DID THEY GO?" FOR A SHORT SPAN OF TIME, HUNDREDS OF DEAD HAD WALKED THE EARTH, AND THEN SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED! WHERE WERE THEY?

ONE THING IS CERTAIN! THEY DIDN'T GO BACK TO THEIR GRAVES! THE WHOLE CEMETERY IS STILL TORN APART.... THEY'RE NOT IN THERE!

HAL, I'M AFRAID! I JUST REALIZED SOMETHING THAT NONE OF US EVER THOUGHT OF...

EVERYONE TURNED TO LOOK AT MARY JENNINGS! SHE STARED INTO THE EMPTY CRYPTS AND HER VOICE WAS TREMBLING IN DEEP AWE AS SHE WHISPERED...

I'M AFRAID! BECAUSE WHEREVER THEY WENT... THEY'RE WAITING FOR US!

ALL OF US WILL GO TO THEM SOMEDAY, AND... GOOD HEAVENS... THEN WHAT WILL THEY DO TO US?

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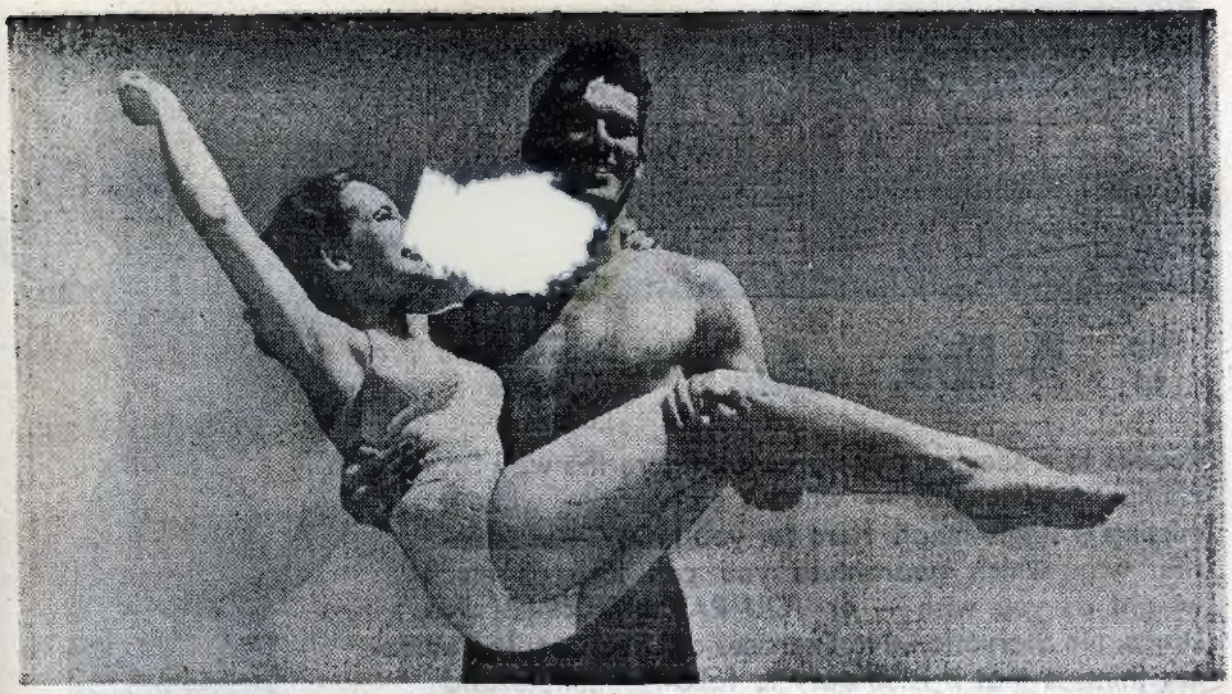

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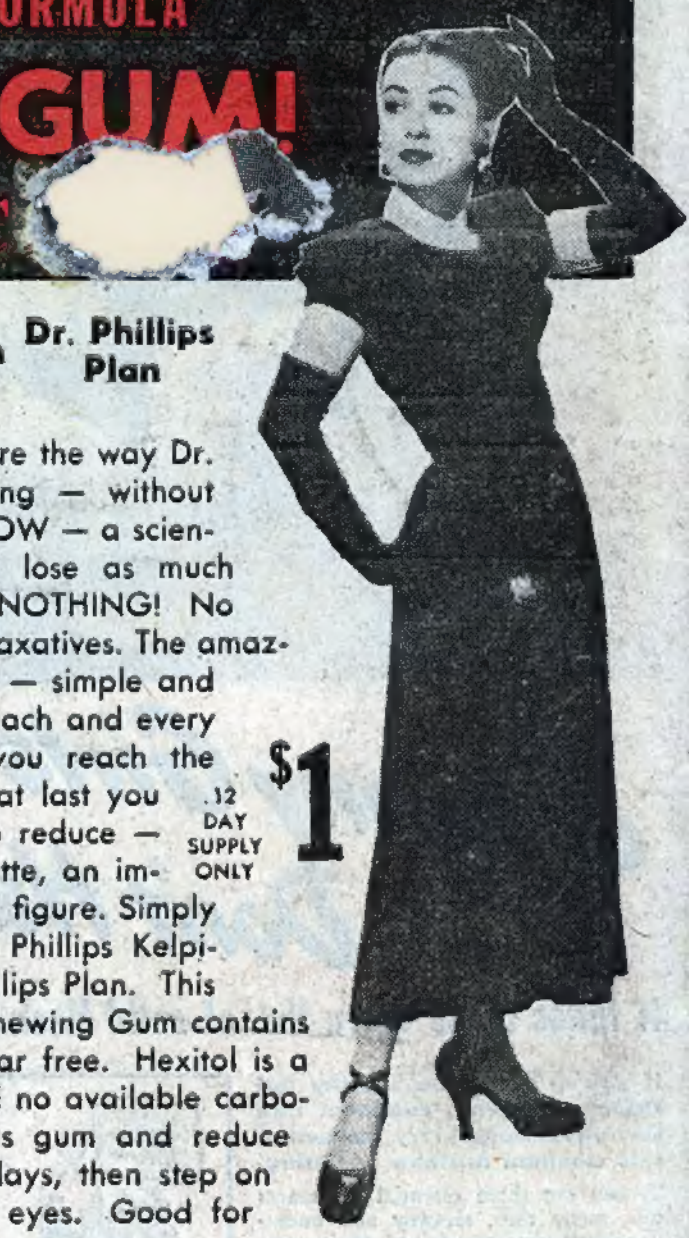

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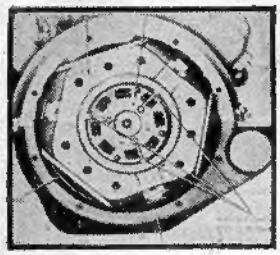

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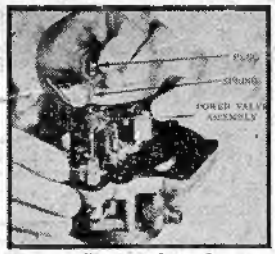

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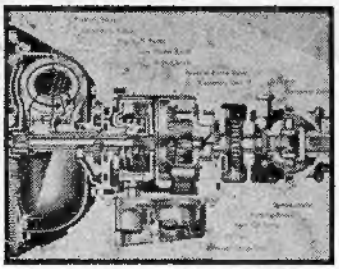

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